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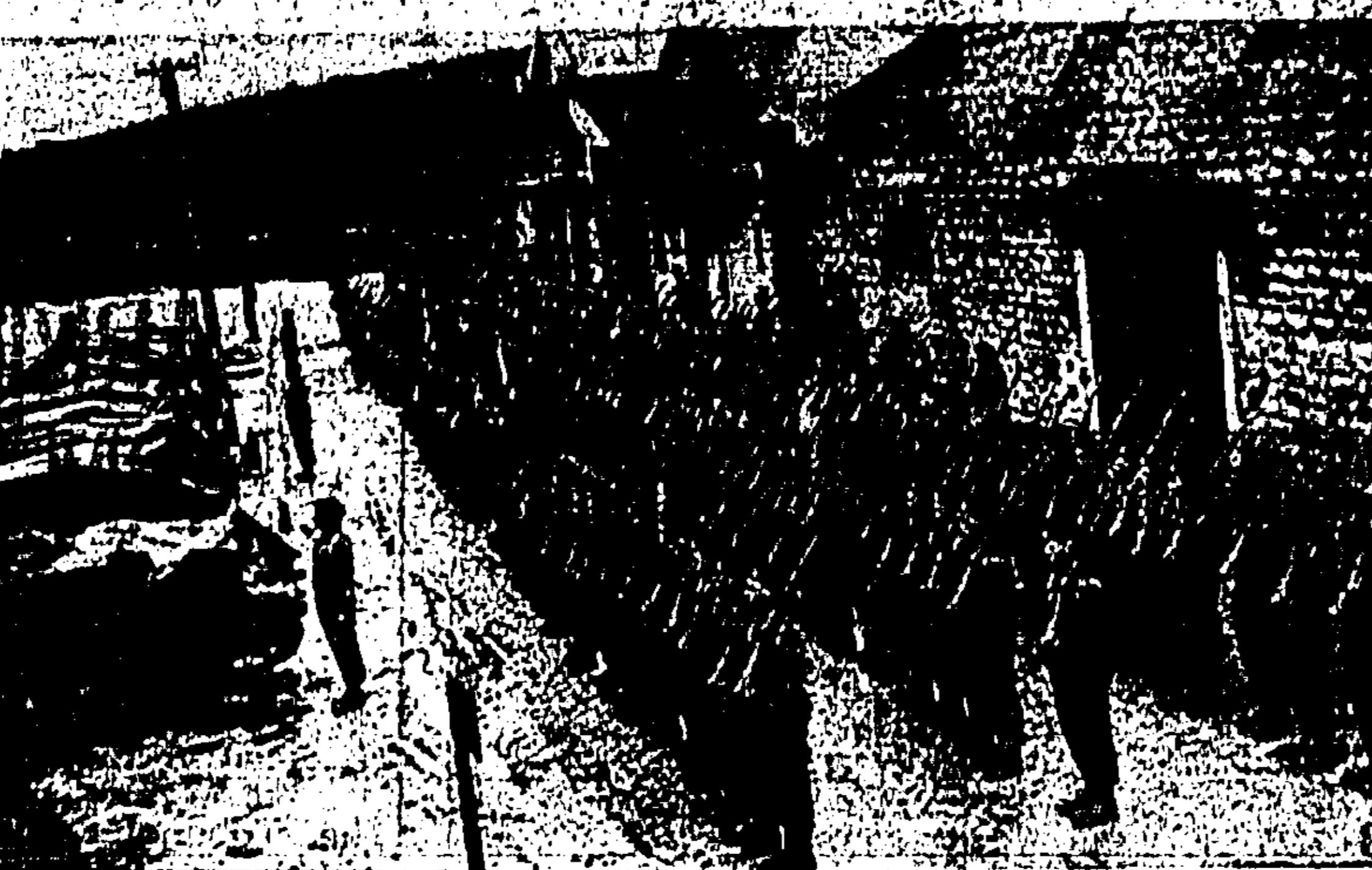
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A parade by the 1st Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment was held in the New Territories yesterday. The Guard of Honour, formed for Major-General G. C. Evans, GOC, 4th Division, wore old-time uniforms of the Regiment. Shown here is the Battalion on parade.

Personalities

Chief Inspector F. J. Clarke, who joined the Hong Kong Police Force on July 17, 1924, has been awarded a First Bar to the Colonial Police Long Service Medal. The award is effective from July 17, 1949.

Inspector J. Orem, who joined the Hong Kong Police Force on February 23, has been awarded a First Bar to the Colonial Police Long Service Medal, effective from February 23 last year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Liu, Miss P. Peters and Captain L. Moore were among those who left the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. B. Braithwaite, Mrs. M. Stowe, Messrs. L. A. Lewis, S. J. Woodhouse, L. W. Bush, L. Perera, T. Kambara, Cheng Ching-leng, F. Carlton and T. M. Taylor.

Arrivals from Manila by CPA on Friday included Messrs. N. Papadimitriou, V. Rabel, H. Keele, D. Donnan, Mrs. Alice Keele and Mrs. Anna Rabel.

Messrs. A. F. Headlam and M. Merritt arrived in the Colony on Friday from Singapore by CPA.

Mrs. Donna A. Trent who arrived here yesterday from Bangkok by the ss. Hermelin will leave for Manila by the ss. Monsol.

Mr. John McAlion, Baille of Glasgow will address the Kowloon Rotary Club on Thursday at the Peninsula Hotel. His subject will be "Let Glasgow Flourish."

Miss Mary L. Duncan and Miss Mary J. Flinck left the Colony for Bangkok yesterday by CPA.

Messrs. G. Minchin, T. E. Stephart, John V. Gray, W. Watson, and W. McGleughlin left for Singapore by CPA yesterday.

Mr. D. C. Valle, Special Representative, General Traffic Department, North West Airlines Incorporated, left for Manila by Pan American World Airways yesterday.

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The charge was carried out with great gallantry and broke through the Sikh line, whence upon the South Staffordshire's right and swept through the batteries lining the Sikh entrenchments, their "cavalry" (sic) taking (as it was depicted in the Commander-in-Chief's despatch) proving decisive.

The Battle of Kirkeban was fought on February 10, 1855, by the River Column which had moved down the Nile to relieve General Gordon, then besieged in Khartoum by the Dervishes.

The enemy position was a strong one on a steep ridge running down to the river.

Bayonet charge

While two companies of the

South Staffords made a holding

attack in front, the main force,

conducting principally of the re-

mainder of the battalion together

with the Black Watch, moved

round the flank and delivered a

surprise attack, charging home

upon the enemy, who fought

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CRA urges investigation of rice rationing system

That a special investigation of the rice rationing system should be insisted upon and that corruption should be pressed home on the culprits was advised by the Rice sub-committee at a meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese Reform Association at the Yan Yan Restaurant yesterday.

In making his report, Mr. Chow Suk-wah said that three months had elapsed since the start of the rice investigation without any disclosure of the results by Government.

"This present method of 'dragging' continued," continued Mr. Chow, "only tends to damage the prestige of Government and indirectly accounts for the general apathy of Hong Kong citizens towards public affairs."

"On October 20, Mr. Chow, in a Press conference, agreed that an investigation into the rationing system was necessary but a week or so later, after the Press had disclosed that investigations had begun, several Government officials denied that investigations were being carried out."

"However, when the Chinese Reform Association persisted in their demand for inquiries into the rice rationing system, a meeting was arranged by several Government officials with members of the Reform Association."

"At that meeting on November 14, a Government spokesman assured the Association that investigations were being carried out and asked for the members' co-operation in giving data and certain particulars."

Price of rice

"Now, three months have gone by without disclosure of any results obtained by Government during their investigations and the sub-committee feels that it is time to insist that a joint committee of inquiry composed of Government officials and the people of Hong Kong be organised and elected to inquire into the matter."

Mr. Wong added that the Reform Association should not claim the fault of having a short and convenient memory but should persist on complete disclosures in the rice rationing system before its self-appointed civic duty could be considered as discharged.

Mr. Wong added that the present increase of the price of the rationed rice should be explained.

The rise in the price of commercial rice was due to the banning of the export of rice from Canton but this did not affect the rationed rice as most, if not all, came from Siam and Burma. There were various imperfections in the present system for rationing but full credit must be given to Government for changing and enlarging the ration tickets.

Constitutional reform

The question of constitutional reforms was brought up by the Chairman, Dr. S. Y. Wong.

He said that reforms had been signed by 248 organisations and had been submitted to the Governor for forwarding to the Colonial Office. This was in July 1949.

There had been no reply from London, in spite of the earlier promise of a reply within three months.

In answer to the question what further steps should be taken, Mr. Ma Man-fai said "In view of the pending general elections in Britain, the public of Hong Kong needs to be assured that the proposed constitutional reforms will be implemented regardless of the possible outcome of the elections."

The British Government must not be found in the position of a defaulter as its earlier Government spokesman four years ago had solemnly promised Hong Kong constitutional reform."

Mr. Ma also proposed that leading sponsors of the mass petition should call upon the Colonial Secretary and Mr. W. J. Carr, Special Adviser on Constitutional Ordinance drafting, to furnish as news from London and also, to seek an assurance from Government that the General Elections, which might delay the reply, would not invalidate its historical pledge.

Housing problem

Another problem discussed at the meeting was housing.

Mr. Y. K. Mok said that as far as the wealthier class were concerned, most of them had found suitable flats as evidenced by one contractor, who told him that though there were still many empty flats for rent, no one was willing to pay such high rentals.

He believed that Government was taking steps to remedy the shortage.

The most outstanding problem was houses for the poor.

Mr. Mok said that the condition varies in different districts and the situation was best handled by Government, assisted by District Welfare Associations.

The Chinese Reform Association could offer "help" in the co-ordinating centre for these districts and housing schemes and proposed that a memorandum should be forwarded to the various district representatives.

Mr. Mok, Chairman of the Chinese Reform Association, had to do with the welfare of the Chinese people in Hong Kong.

He said that the Chinese Reform Association had been in touch with the Government and the various districts and the Chinese Reform Association had held a meeting with the



MR. W. BUTTERWORTH
"China Mail" Photo.

U.S. diplomats en route to Bangkok

Mr. Walton Butterworth, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Far East Affairs, and three other high-ranking U.S. diplomats made a 30-minute stopover here yesterday afternoon en route to Bangkok from Manila by Pan American Airways.

The three other diplomats are Mr. Myron Clegg, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, Mr. John Muccio, U.S. Ambassador to Korea, and Mr. William Gobald, Political Adviser to General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters.

The American diplomats are going to Bangkok to attend the meeting of American diplomatic mission chiefs in the Far East.

In the Colony, the group was joined by Mr. Karl Runklin, U.S. Consul-General in Hong Kong.

Chinese ship arrives from Foochow

The first Chinese vessel, flying the Five Star, to reach British waters from Foochow since the Communist occupation arrived yesterday with 40 tons of general cargo for the Colony.

She is the 100-ton mv. Yi Heng-ji, owned by the Fook Hing-shipping Company of Hong Kong.

The motor vessel left the Communist port on January 31. She reached local waters without being waylaid by patrolling Nationalist craft.

Mr. Lo Sin-ku, master of the vessel, reported an uneventful voyage.

It is understood that the Yi Heng-ji will leave with cargo and passengers for Foochow after the Chinese New Year holidays.

At all-Chinese crew of 20, headed by Mr. Lo, mans the 100-ton craft.

FLOUR CONTROL

An order was made yesterday by the Director of Supplies and Distribution, withdrawing the prohibition on dealing in flour imported for re-export and tightening the control of the re-export of flour.

It is now compulsory to export flour released from godowns for export purposes.

No information on Gordon Shanghai trip

An official of the American Pacific Lines, Hong Kong, said yesterday that he had heard nothing officially about reports of one of the company's ships making a trip to Shanghai.

He is Mr. J. J. Berryman, General Manager of the Company's Hong Kong office.

Mr. Berryman said that, though he had inquiries from residents in Shanghai about the General Gordon making a second trip to evacuate refugees from the Communist city, his San Francisco office had forwarded a suggestion that the ship would be going to Shanghai again.

He added: "Since the Peking radio broadcast a week ago, which said that many American diplomatic officials were still in China, even though the Secretary of State had recalled them, many people have assumed that the General Gordon was going to Shanghai to evacuate officials and other residents."

He cannot definitely deny the report, but if it is true, he has no information about it.

It is quite possible, however, that the San Francisco office would make all the arrangements directly with the Nationalist and Communist authorities, such as they did last time, before informing us."

DANCE FOR SERVICEMEN

The Hong Kong Women's International Club held a dance for the Servicemen on Thursday.

The couples danced to music played on a radio, and a gift to the Club from Mr. Wang Shih-kio, and by two Servicemen.

Entertainment was provided by a band, a solo singer, and a dancer.

A special Valentine's Dance will be held at the club next Thursday.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS SERVICE RESUMED

Kennedy Road now open to small cars

Kennedy Road, formerly closed to general traffic, is now open to small cars only, it was officially announced yesterday.

The road branches from Queen's Road, East, opposite the Tuberculosis Clinic, and runs to Garden Road.

The opening of the road to small car traffic is to relieve congestion during rush hours along Queen's Road, East, from Arsenal Street to the Central area.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Gramophone Society classical concert, at Diocesan Boys' School, 8.30 p.m.

Tomorrow

Tue. 11 Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party, at Aberdeen, members to meet at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.
HK Polo and Hunt Club, Meet at Mai Po Village, 20½-mile stone, Funding-Castle Peak Road, 11.30 a.m.

Arbitration of Dairy Farm dispute continues

(Continued From Page 1)

Chan Man-hon, also one of the workers' assessors, asked if the budget presented was one that enabled a worker to live without having to borrow money.

Mr. Leung, said the farm hands at Pokfulam alone were in debt to a total of \$15,700. The total indebtedness of all the Dairy Farm workers in Hong Kong was \$47,500.

The interest they have to pay on these loans was at the rate of 10 per cent a month. Payment of interest has not been included in the budget, added Mr. Leung.

"I want to know whether every worker of the Dairy Farm has merely a wife and a child to support," asked Mr. Tong.

Mr. Leung replied that apart from maintaining a wife and child, the workers have, according to Chinese custom, also to support their parents.

This concluded the questions from the workers' assessors, and the arbitrator directed the assessors of the Company to put their questions to Mr. Leung.

Minimum budget

Mr. J. R. Jones asked if he was correct in understanding that the workers' representatives budget was the minimum on which they would not have to get into debt.

Mr. Leung replied that if the Company would pay the workers \$33.50 a month each, fewer people would have to borrow.

"From whom did the workers borrow this money, on which they have had to pay 10 per cent a month interest?" asked Mr. Jones.

"From Mr. Cheuk Tam-sen, a No. 1 of the Company. Mr. Thomson knows that," replied Mr. Leung.

Here the arbitrator interrupted by asking that only a direct answer should be given without bringing in any extraneous matter.

"Was this budget compiled by the representatives of the workers from information received, or did the workers compile it first, and then have the figures checked?" asked Mr. Jones.

"This budget was compiled according to enquiries made of all the workers of the Dairy Farm as to the cost of living figures necessary for their subsistence," replied Mr. Leung.

"But by whom were the enquiries made?" asked Mr. Jones.

Mr. Leung replied that it was not necessary to make enquiries. Representatives of the Dairy Farm Workers' Union sent out questionnaires to the workers which are returned with the figures filled in.

"These forms are then returned to the Union without any enquiry being made," was Mr. Jones' next question.

"Yes."

Lower rate workers

"In the Dairy Farm a large number of categories of workers are employed. Can you tell me what the lower rate workers are paid now?" asked Mr. Jones.

Mr. Leung replied that a soda-fountain boy gets \$1 a month plus 10% allowance. The arbitrator interrupted and asked if that question could be confined to the cost of living for the present. Wages could be dealt with later on.

Mr. Jones then asked what proportion of the Dairy Farm workers was married, and Mr. Leung replied that it was 88 per cent.

"This budget does not appear to the lowest paid does it?" asked Mr. Jones.

Mr. Leung, when replied that it might be suggested that the budget figures were rather unreasonable, but it must be remembered that minors have to support their parents.

Mr. Jones said he quite appreciated that the average family consisted of three children, which may be more than the budget figures allow.

Full tram service was resumed yesterday as some 100 cars went back on the run after a lay up of 44 days. This was nearly the number running before the stoppage.

The first effect of the resumption of the tram service was the immediate disappearance of the congestion on the buses on the island.

The bus workers were perhaps not particularly happy, because with the trams again running, their special "hard work" bonus of \$1.20 a day ceased.

However, the re-appearance of the trams on the run, has been greeted all round with relief and satisfaction, as people, especially office workers, do not have now to walk to and from town.

The biggest losers from the tram resumption, perhaps, are the taxicabs. The public have ear which have been running a golden harvest during the past 44 days.

People had to queue up for taxis at the Pedder Street and other stands. Two full lines of buses were again to be seen at Pedder Street yesterday.

With the exception of a little more than 100 all the workers have reported back to work. Those who have not are believed to have gone back to the country, and they have two more weeks in which to return.

Traffic problem

Resumption of the tram service posed a serious problem for the traffic police yesterday as heavy traffic blocks in Queen's Road East, caused by the tearing up

TAIKOO ASS'N GENERAL MEETING

The Taikoo Chinese Association, inaugurated six months ago, will hold their Members' General Meeting tomorrow at noon in the Luk Kwok Hotel, Wan Chai, for re-election of officers.

It is expected that important problems will be discussed at the General Meeting.

Rent figures

In reply to questions from Mr. Cleland, Mr. Leung said the highest rent paid by the Dairy Farm workers for a cubicle was \$75 a month, and the lowest \$65. The figure presented in the budget was \$65 a month. He admitted that some workers occupying a bedspace paid only \$40 a month.

The rent figure he gave was for a cubicle in a Chinese style tenement for a family to live in. Mr. Leung disagreed with Mr. Cleland when he was asked whether the figure of 8.4 cubicles of cooking oil a month was not rather large. He said this was the figure set in Food and Fuel Index. Mr. Cleland said he merely asked whether this was the actual consumption.

Mr. D. Black, also one of the Company's assessors, drew attention to the figures of the cost of living survey prepared by the Department of Statistics for a family of five. He admitted those figures were for 1949 and did not apply today—but on a percentage basis it could apply to the workers budget.

The expenditure on food appeared to be about the same, he said. According to the figures published by Government for a family of five, the sum was \$300 to \$349 only. He asked Mr. Leung whether he could explain the difference. Mr. Leung replied: "Do you know that thought consumption might be the same, prices have gone up?"

Percentage basis

Mr. Black said he was dealing with the figures on a percentage basis, since one was for a family of five and the other was for one of three.

After further questions the arbitrator suggested that Mr. Black should hold over further questions on this point until the next hearing, so as to give time to the workers' representatives to study the Government figures referred to.

Mr. Black then asked Mr. Leung about the rent figure in the budget, and if he was correct in saying that a small Chinese flat contains two or three cubicles.

Mr. Leung agreed that was correct.

Mr. Jones, however, repeated that his question concerned a woman member of the family.

"This Mr. Leung replied that a husband may eat as much as 40 cubicles of rice a month. The wife may eat less than 30 cubicles—say only 25 cubicles, while the child may consume only 20 cubicles.

In reply to questions from

Mr. H. R. Cleland, one of the Company's assessors, Mr. Leung said ration rice at 86 cents a cubicle was not fit for human consumption. Late in 1949 a quality of ration rice at 70 cents a cubicle was somewhat better.

The quantity of ration rice for each person was 6.4 lbs a day.

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Gov't support for floating godowns plan

Government will encourage suggestions for the utilising of laid-up ships in Victoria Harbour as floating godowns to help alleviate the prevailing acute cargo storage situation in Hong Kong.

This was officially learned by the "China Mail" yesterday. Mr. James Jolly, Director of Marine, stated that he thinks the idea a sound one and will consider any plans sent in by local companies.

So far, however, no concrete plans have been submitted to the Marine Department.

Only one application has been made regarding the storage of general commercial cargo on a freighter. It was forwarded to the Marine Department by the Communist-controlled China Merchants Steamship Navigation Company on February 8.

The application to store some 2,000 tons of cargo aboard the LST Chung 106, lying alongside the CMSN Wharf, Connaught Road, West, Mr. Jolly declared.

Mr. Jolly added that he will submit plans to the Director of Marine regarding the usage of 11 CMSN freighters in port as floating godowns to help ease the situation.

Mr. Jolly stated at an interview yesterday that as long as the vessel concerned does not endanger navigation in the harbour or cause obstruction to normal harbour traffic there is no reason why it should not be permitted to be used as a floating godown.

Each ship will be considered on its individual merits—her position in the harbour and compliance with normal storage regulations.

There will not be any special anchorage for the proposed floating godowns, Mr. Jolly declared.

A good idea

Asked whether there would be any special restrictions on ships being used as godowns, Mr. Jolly said that the idea originated in the Hong Kong Office of CMSN. It was forwarded to the Shanghai Head Office, which subsequently approved the plan.

"All our godowns have been packed to the last inch of space since January. As a result of numerous enquiries for space, we hit upon the idea of utilising our laid-up vessels to accommodate cargo," the spokesman said.

For the time being, only general commercial cargo will be considered. Dangerous goods will not be included.

The ships, most of them riding at anchor in Yau Ma Tei Bay, will remain where they are. They are at present undergoing general touching up to received cargo in the near future.

"Of course, when necessary, we will remove them to another place which the authorities deem suitable," he added.

All CMSN ships are flying the Communist emblem.

Mr. Jolly thinks it is a good idea from the commercial aspect as it enables direct transfer of goods, thus saving time and expenses.

He remarked that as the shore storage facilities have been used up, the obvious solution is to store cargo in the harbour.

Mr. Jolly added that if a worker wants to rent a cubicle he has to pay to key money amounting to about \$200.

At this stage Professor Roberton said he would have to adjourn further hearing until 3 p.m. on Monday.

Before the adjournment he expressed the hope that the workers' representative would, when members of the Tribunal ask questions, try to be as helpful as possible. This will help him in reaching a decision. He assured the workers' representatives that members of the Tribunal were absolutely impartial in this matter.

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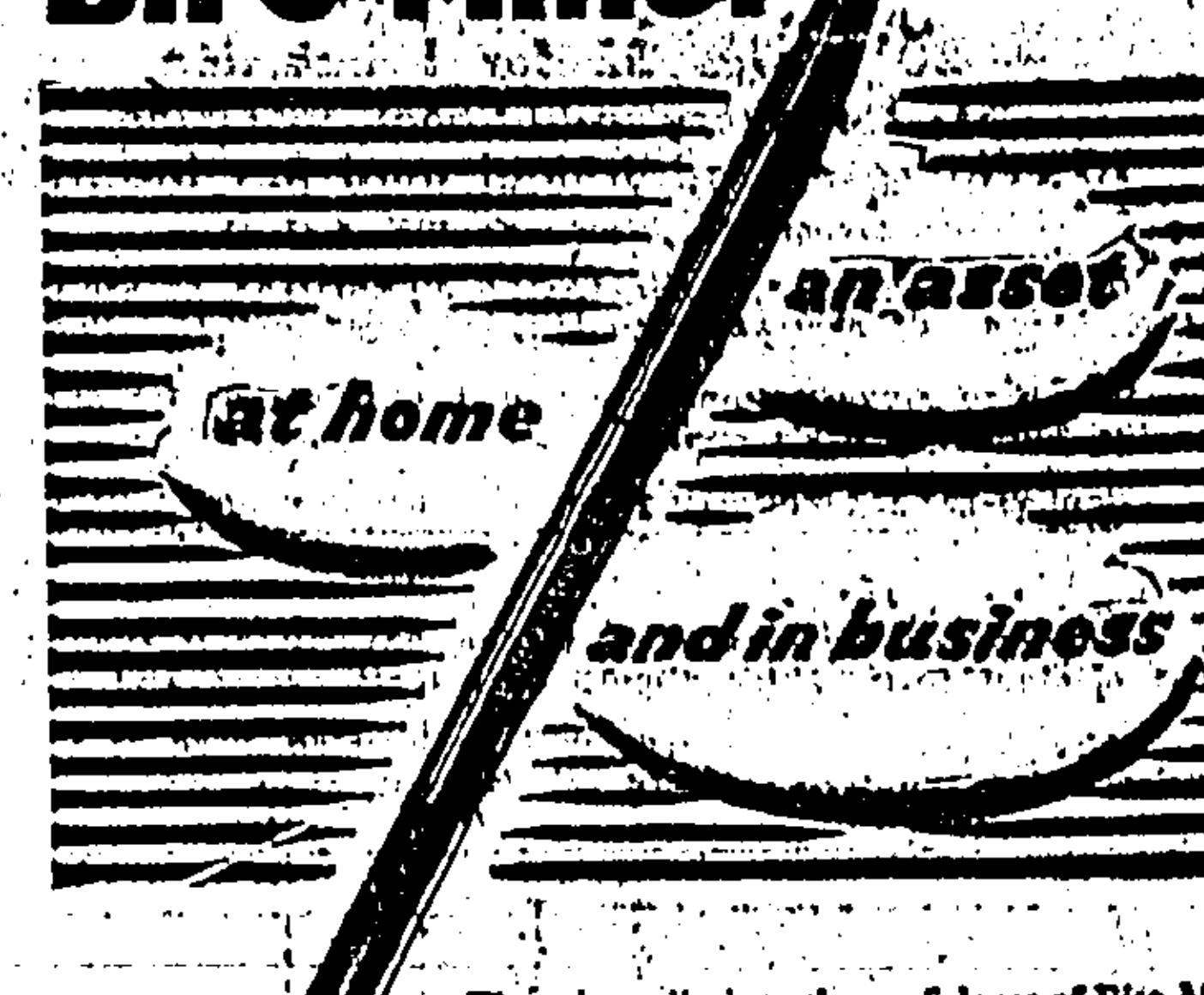
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Tables may be booked at the Hong Kong Hotel or the Peninsula Hotel. Dress Optional.

By order of the Committee L. G. YOUNG Hon. Secretary.

THE HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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It is hereby notified for General Information that Whity Street, from Queen's Road "W" to Des Voeux Rd. "W" will be closed to vehicular traffic from 08.00 hrs. on Tuesday, 14.2.50, to 08.00 hrs. on Saturday, 18.2.50.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

February 10, 1950.

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT STORE DEPARTMENT.

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the supply of Hydrogen Gas" will be received at the Office of the Chairman Tender Board, Lower Albert Road, until noon on Friday, 3rd March, 1950.

Forms of Tender, Specification and further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Controller of Stores, Government Stores Department, Electric Road, North Point.

J. WATSON, Acting Controller of Stores.

February 10, 1950.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 11th February, 1950 at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949 and to elect Directors and appoint auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 4th February, 1950 to Saturday, 11th February, 1950 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, January 23, 1950.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The Annual Dinner Dance of the Hong Kong Football Club will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday 18th February 1950 at 8.30 p.m.

Tickets price \$20—each including drinks between 8.30 and 9.30 p.m. can be obtained from the Club House, Happy Valley, Messrs. Percy Smith & Co., Windsor House or from any member of the Committee.

Tables may be booked at the Hong Kong Hotel or the Peninsula Hotel. Dress Optional.

By order of the Committee L. G. YOUNG Hon. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIRST RACE MEETING

Saturday, 11th February 1950.

There are nine races, the First Bell will be run at 1.30 p.m.

and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races—\$18) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in April 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the Hong Kong Derby may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies

MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or

Seam tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, or

Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.—Including tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all costs etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptrollers' Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of badges will be obtainable at the Club

House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy

(Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S

Premises DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3—Including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIG TAO, MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN

THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASS.

Services passes will be issued to private box holders only,

who are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to

display their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are

not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through

or their duties and must remain in their employer's hands.

Citizens' Faith

Miss M. Ward, MBE said: "I

especially want to thank the

nurses who personally contributed

and solicited funds. Our hope

is that the nurses now, and in the

future will maintain this spirit

of this distinguished service which

they have given to the

people of Hong Kong.

Replies for the following Box Nos. are awaiting collection.

New staff quarters, training school at Nethersole Hospital

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, formally opened the new staff quarters and nurses training school at the Nethersole Hospital yesterday.

Construction started on the HK\$1,184,000-building during spring, 1949. All the money for the building was donated by Hong Kong

citizens.

Sir Alexander Grantham: "We find in Hong Kong so often, that we construct a hospital or school of a certain size, and then when it is to be used, that there are not enough beds in the hospital, or

there is not enough room in the classrooms."

The Nethersole hospital did not have great difficulty in raising funds because the average citizen in Hong Kong had faith in the hospital, and knew that his donations, however small, would be put to good use.

He then declared the new building formally opened.

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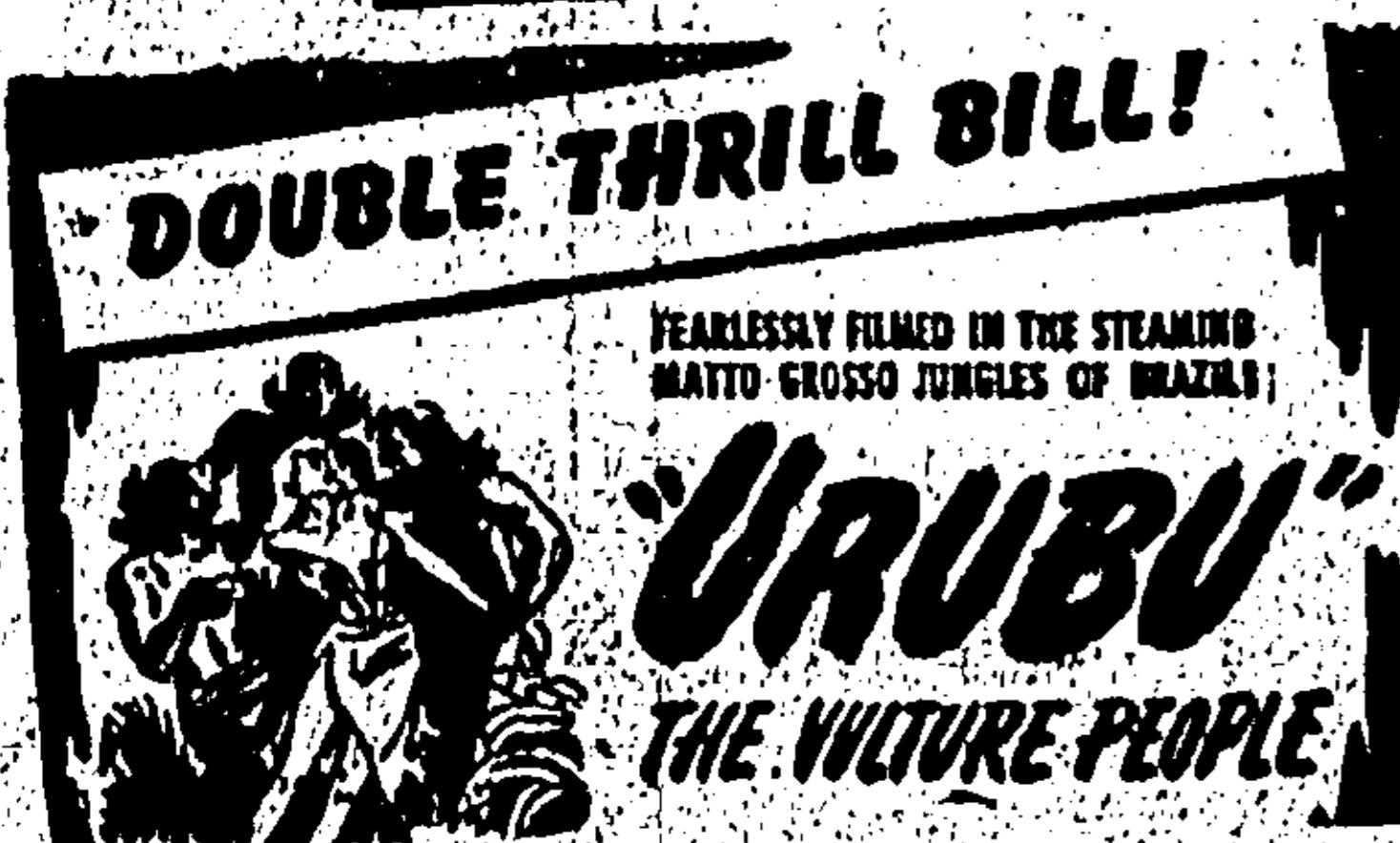
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PEKING RADIO CHARGES

San Francisco, February 9. Peking Radio tonight cited "reliable reports" as indicating that "American Imperialists and their Japanese accomplices" had a hand in recent bombings of Shanghai and places near the lower reaches of the Yangtze by the Chinese Nationalist Air Force.

The Radio alleged that Japanese airmen, naval and technical personnel recruited by General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, are being sent to Formosa where they are helping the Nationalists to bomb the Chinese people and maintain the "blockade."

Quoted by the Radio tonight, an editorial of the New China News Agency claimed that pilots of Nationalist bombers and their bombing personnel include American and Japanese volunteers.

Referring to recent Nationalist air raids on Shanghai, which caused "serious losses to the life and property of the Shanghai people," the Radio said that without the Japanese and American pilots, "the Kuomintang government air force would be unable to carry out such bombing raids."

The editorial made special note of the accurate bomb hits on the American-operated Shanghai Power Company during the February 6 raid.

"There is no doubt that the Taiwan Air Force, loyal to the United States, would only dare to do so after receiving orders from Washington," the editorial added.

The title of the editorial told "fellow countrymen of Shanghai" to "remember this blood debt!" — Reuter.

FARRAN'S DENIAL

Dudley, February 9. Major Roy Farran, Conservative candidate in the General Election denied today that he is anti-Semitic. He dissociated himself from the "Free Britain" anti-Jewish organisation which he said that Major Farran is worthy of the support of "Free Britain."

"I do not know these people. I have never met or known anyone in the 'Free Britain' movement and if as I suspect, it is a Fascist organisation, I do not want to know them," he said.

Major Farran said he did his duty in Palestine as a soldier, leading a counter-terrorist organisation. He was on the "death list" of the Jewish Stern Gang in Palestine and his brother Rex was killed in May, 1948, by a book bomb intended for Major Farran. — Reuter.

BERGMAN GETS HER DIVORCE

Juarez, Mexico, February 9. A Mexican divorce was granted to Miss Ingrid Bergman today, clearing the way for the film star to marry director Roberto Rossellini, father of her new-born baby. — United Press.

They said that they had been uncertain about the meaning of these lights but now understood that they were a recognised signal that the ship was carrying inflammable cargo.

Mr. Lamb did not think there had been any serious arguments against the "wisdom and propriety of our inter-territorial organisation with Kenya and Uganda."

Other points from Mr. Lamb's statement were:

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ADDED: LATEST FOX MOVIE-TONE NEWS

Chatham, February 9. Lieutenant Charles Bowers, 28-year-old Commander of the British submarine Truculent, sunk with the loss of 64 lives after a collision with the Swedish ship Divina last month, was today found guilty by a Court Martial here of hazarding his ship by "negligence or by default."

He was acquitted of a charge of losing his ship by negligence or default. The Court sentenced Lieutenant Bowers to be severely reprimanded.

The Court announced its findings after deliberating for one hour and 20 minutes. Lieutenant Bowers marched into the Court-room pale but upright.

By naval tradition his sword, which had lain on a table parallel

with members of the Court during the hearing, was pointed towards him, denoting that he had been found guilty.

The Court gave these reasons for its finding:

(1) On sightling the Divina's lights, which included the lights of the steamer under way, he (Lieutenant Bowers) altered course across the Channel and the Divina's course when the rule of the road at sea required and navigation conditions permitted HMS Truculent to maintain her course thereby endangering the safety of his ship.

(2) He made no sound signal to indicate his ship's alteration of course to port.

Commander's claim The young Commander of Truculent, in his evidence, claimed that if the Divina had kept on her set course he would have passed her safely.

Lieutenant Bowers produced on a chart tracings of what he estimated were the movements of Truculent.

Asked by the defending officer, Captain A. R. Kennedy, "Do these movements indicate anything of the Divina's movements?", he replied, "The bearing showed that had the Divina maintained the course she was on I should have passed well clear of her."

Lieutenant Bowers, who was said to have changed course twice to port, told the Court that he was close by the Gaze sandbank when the Divina was sighted.

He added, "I should not like to have altered course to starboard because of the closeness of the Gaze bank and I should not like to have stopped because the tide was setting towards the bank."

"Much closer" He admitted that he did not sound any signal because "I estimated that the other ship was too far away for sound signals to be effective."

He said that the Divina's green light suddenly vanished and "I caught sight of her silhouette. I suddenly realised that she was much closer than I estimated." — Reuter.

The Court Martial was in accordance with British naval law which lays down that any Commander of a warship involved in a sea accident shall be court martialled afterwards.

Three survivor witnesses of the disaster, all officers of Truculent, were questioned earlier today about the lights carried by the Divina.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The family of the late Mr. J. T. D'Almeida e Castro thank all relatives and friends for their messages of condolence. floral tributes, attendance at the funeral also donations for Masses and to charities.

OBITUARY

NEUMANS—Rene, Victor, 37 years old, who died in Sutjen on 10th January, will be interred at Happy Valley Colonial Cemetery on Saturday, 11th February at 5 p.m. No flowers by request.

BANGKOK RICE AGREEMENT

News has just come from Bangkok that Britain will buy over 400,000 tons of Siamese rice at about £40 a ton during the ensuing year, under a new agreement. The price is about the same as that paid last year. There have been many complaints about quality in the past, especially in Singapore. Both parties to the agreement have now agreed that the purchasers will get more stringent guarantees of quality than in 1949. Reuter quotes trade experts as saying that if these guarantees are fully honoured, there would be in effect an average reduction of two pounds sterling a ton on the 1949 price level.

First the scarcity, then the high price, of rice has been responsible more than any other single factor for the great rise in the cost of living in the Far East. At one time the position was desperate indeed, for half the Burmese fields had gone out of cultivation, and Siam's communications were in a very bad way. The work of rehabilitation accomplished in the first two years after the war has seldom been fully appreciated.

There is still far too little rice, it costs far too much, and there are far more people whose staple food is than there were a decade ago. There is a long way to go yet before the rice problem is solved, but the proposed extensive cultivation of paddy in East Africa—with the ultimate aim of making the Commonwealth self-sufficient in rice—is one promising plan on the right lines and with the right ideas.

One cannot very well hail the new agreement with enthusiasm, since £40 a ton is a stiff price to pay compared with the £6 to £7 paid before the war. But it might have been worse, for Siam and Burma tried to get together on demands for a higher price. A few months ago there was a minor diplomatic crisis when the Government at Bangkok asked for an increase of 12½ per cent, which would have raised the price to the British Government by an extra £6 a ton—equal to the full price paid a dozen years ago. And Bangkok would probably have got away with it but for the known fact that the Siamese Government had just bought 350,000 tons without any increase of price to the farmers or millers. The increased price demanded would have meant a sheer gain of 25 per cent to the Siamese Government.

The demand was later repudiated by the Siamese Prime Minister, and now a satisfactory new agreement has been reached. The Siamese Government will retain the old export monopoly and will set the final equivalent of £40 a ton on the open market rate on

In a rather sordid suburb of Sydney I was suddenly stopped by a boy selling papers. "Hullo!" he said.

I recognised his brown, smiling face. He was one of the two sons of a widow among the British emigrants on board the *Australis* whom I had accompanied to Australia a year before.

The mother was a sensible, practical woman, who told me she had a brother in Australia. And here was one of her boys selling newspapers. It looked as if this particular family had gone downhill; but I was wrong.

Easy money

So far as they from being hard up that his mother had paid £60 to buy the boy a piano—acquired for Christmas. As for the paper-selling, he explained that if you can make 15 bob a week between the time school comes out and six o'clock—well, it was easy money, and all the other boys did it.

He took me to where they were living—a large, red-brick house in what is evidently a decayed part of the New South Wales capital. It has been converted into a lodging-house, and for 23s. a week the mother has a large room where she and her two boys of 10 and 12 live and sleep, together with the use of a kitchen and bathroom on the same floor. Her brother had to use some influence to get it for her at that price.

She herself is earning £10 a week, with two meals a day, as cook in a hospital. The boys get their schooling free; she draws a grant of 10s. a week for the younger one and, under the new Government, will get 5s. or 10s. a week for his elder brother.

New accent

She had just cooked the children's supper: a judicious pile of lamb cutlets for each of them that you would get nowadays in any London restaurant. They had a wireless set playing during their meal, and the two sunburnt, sturdy sons were squealing with laughter at a comic turn while they ate.

What struck me at once was with the boys of other emigrant families I visited later, was the speed with which these typical British youngsters had picked up the Australian accent. The diphthongs go first and they acquire strange stresses. "Fee-uhs-day," they say, with the accent on the "day" and they ask for "style and aig" at breakfast. I suppose it is a defensive colouring, for they told me that the other boys are always ready to jeer at them as "Pommies."

A lone woman with small children is about the weakest every ton bought at the official rate.

Rice at a figure seven times above the pre-war price represents a formidable problem. Nor can much relief be expected till production has risen in ratio to the increased population. Even now the problem of supply is beset with danger, apart from the price. Indo-China has come to be an exporter owing to the disorders there, and Burma, after a miracle of recovery, is a question-mark which acutely troubles everybody concerned with rice supply.

Still, there was an over-all improvement last year in the food situation in the Far East, in spite of poor crops in China and adverse political events in Burma and Indonesia. Rice production was still a little below the previous year, but production of several other food crops was larger. More food, too, was available from outside the area. But the annual report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture says the prospects are "gloomy" for China to meet a huge food deficit, despite the efforts of the new regime to increase production and to economise through austerity and anti-famine campaigns. Manchuria is better off, but it is feared most of its surplus will go to Russia instead of to North China and other food deficit areas in China. At best Burma may be unable to export more than 950,000 short tons this year, or about 370,000 tons less than in 1949. Surely in all plans for economic betterment in South-East Asia and the Far East, increased rice production ought to take first place, for it is so basic to the cost of living. Much has been done to enable the rice-growing areas to recover from the old export monopoly, and will set the final equivalent of £40 a ton on the open market rate on

THEY ARE GLAD THEY QUIT BRITAIN

combination for settlement in Australia. Such units almost inevitably gravitate to the big cities, and at once come up against what is the main problem of existence even for Australians—to find living accommodation at any but high rents.

In every British emigrant family there should be a man to provide the main income. About this there is no difficulty. At the present moment the Sydney tramway service is advertising for 300 conductors at £11 2s. a week.

Well, there they were, in a pub for which he had paid £2,400; rates £13 10s; beauti-

A fine home

from the bank, bought it, and a year ago are now scattered over this vast country. All those with whom I have been able to get in touch are very glad they came.

"Would you go back to England?"

"Would I?—Here, get in the car and I'll take you to see the family."

The father told me that his wife got ill when he had been away three weeks. In his job, "Stay at home with her till she's better," said the manager of the firm, and the newcomer's salary was paid till he returned to work regularly from now on.

This family of three share a house with its owner, a widow, in a delightful situation 20 miles from Melbourne, 10 yards from the sea shore, with a shady garden. They have two bedrooms, a large living room, and a kitchen, small only because they have bought a big refrigerator that fills it up.

Two other families were of professional men for whom opportunities are fewer. In both cases the move has been an unqualified success.

ple in the sky. We've had the flying pancake, the flying saucer, and now comes the flying ice-cream cone. At any moment we can expect a whole flying steak dinner.

From a public-spirited point of view, I am of course inclined to think that the transport system is now back to normal. I felt this most strongly about 8 a.m. yesterday when, clanking, juddering and striking steel round me to the prospect of a new day. This train, I know, can be expected regularly from now on.

"Labour, Tory Heads hit each other. Night, of course, be one way of knocking sense into them.

Shop advertised for sale. "Cups and saucers in various sizes and shapes with matching nipples." Probably make a big appeal to the baby-boom trade.

Sorry if I dwell on it too much, but being male I am still Ingrid's slave, that a woman should be able to divorce her husband because she's decided to start a dynasty by another man.

No, Myrtle, our contemporary may refer to a "Glasgow bairn," but they haven't as far as called it the "Royal Navee."

Put-put. British scientists were officially reported Wednesday night ready with plans for putting an engine in the nation's ships and powder plants.

Always a mysterious lot, these scientists.

Panama is now the world's fourth greatest maritime nation in terms of tonnage registered. By the way, does anyone know of the shipping companies in Panama?

"Yale professor says Kremlin hard to crush." More bitter fruit. The answer is a lemon.

Pretty poor show, I think, that nobody's given any thought to the unfortunate taxi drivers, who for six weeks have been the colony's most night-owls citizens. Sitting idle in the ranks, they may well ponder the vanished days of treble fares before their selfish Tramways comrades sold them down the river by returning to work.

No doubt the types who spent the occupation period in Macao were interested to read yesterday that American POWs are being given US\$1 for every day they were in camp.

Maybe these blokes buying forged Filipino visas merely got tired after the third week of queuing up at the local office to get a legitimate one. D'you ever try to get to Malaya?

"Women's undies to go." Boy—get me that chit of monsoon cycles.

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New speculation

While the present bad news has drawn fresh attention to the bandit problem it has also caused a new wave of speculation about long-term problems in Malaya. For the past few years it has been feared in London that the communal problem there was developing on lines alarmingly similar to the former problem between Hindus and Moslems in India or between Jews and Arabs in Palestine. In both Palestine and India the upshot was violence and bloodshed on a dreadful scale. How can the trend in Malaya be stopped?

This seems to have been in Sir John Harding's mind. "In my opinion," he said, "the decisive answer to the problem of internal security in Malaya lies in the hands of the people."

One great difficulty

There would be one great difficulty in transferring responsibility from the army to an enlarged and reorganized police. Information from London is that there could not be much optimism about its work until it had effected some agreement between Chinese and Malays on economic collaboration, and the admission of Malays to a more proportionate share in the economic life of the country.

What has happened in the last few months to the Committee? And why is the Indian community playing so little part? There is little news in London.

Malaya is of great importance to the stability of the economies of the Far East. The blockade of Malaya has been lifted and the economy is recovering, but the problem needs to be tackled on a far larger and more modern scale.

What has happened in the last few months to the Committee? And why is the Indian community playing so little part? There is little news in London.

It is estimated here that before very long there will be reparation in Malaya from the coming independence of the Chinese states of Indonesia. It is true that there was little excitement over little interest. It is said—in Glag-

ELECTION BARRAGES GETTING UNDER WAY

Parties swinging big guns into action

APATHY OF ELECTORATE

London, February 9.
With four more days to complete nominations—filing in at the rate of about 200 a day—and two weeks before the General Election date, the big guns of all parties are slowly swinging into action.

Closely following their Election manifestos, all parties are vying with each other to flood the prospective voters with nice brochures and pamphlets. The gunners of both the Conservative Party, led by Mr. Winston Churchill, and the Labour Party, with Mr. Clement Attlee, Mr. Ernest Bevin and Mr. Aneurin Bevan at its head, have started their leadless Election barrages, addressing as many as five or six meetings in a night at

COMBINED AID BILL PASSED

Washington, February 9.
The United States House of Representatives today passed a double-barrelled bill to give financial aid to South Korea and Taiwan to strengthen them against Communist pressure in Asia. The bill was approved by 239 votes to 134.

The bill, called the Far Eastern Economic Assistance Programme, was sent to the Senate for approval.

A fortnight ago the House defeated by one vote an Administration bill providing aid to Korea alone.

President Truman's reply was to submit this combined bill providing aid for both Korea and the Chinese Nationalists' last main stronghold in Taiwan.

The new bill provides for a part of a \$103,000,000 China aid to be made available for economic aid to Taiwan.

The Administration has been reported as favouring a \$28,000,000 economic aid programme for Taiwan.

Inclusion of Taiwan in the bill won support from some leading Republicans who had earlier voted against aid to Korea alone.

With all existing Far East economic aid expiring next Wednesday, the House, by its action today, did the following things:

(1) Authorised the Economic Co-Operation Administration to spend \$100,000,000 more by June 30 on raw material imports and capital improvement in Korea.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorised to advance money to get the programme rolling.

(2) Extended the life of the China Aid Act to June 30.

Congressmen, both Democratic and Republican, who supported the Aid Bill maintained that the United States could not afford to abandon either Korea or Taiwan if America was to retain prestige in the Orient.

But some opponents considered the aid programme would be a waste of American tax-payers' money.—Reuter.

POLISH FORCES SOVIETISED

London, February 9.
Poland's armed forces have been sovietised and reorganised in line with Cominform principles, the official publication of the Polish Embassy in London indicated today.

The Embassy bulletin quoted the Deputy Defence Minister, General Z. Jaroszewicz, as saying the Polish army had changed its character and is the "true type of army."

This was the first indication of measures taken by the former Soviet Marshal Konstant Rokossovsky since his appointment as Polish Minister of Defence.—United Press.

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UN delegates to be tried

Bogota, February 9.
A former Colombian member of the United Nations Kashmir Commission and another prominent Colombian have been detained and will face a military court on charges of directing a secret radio station, Bogota newspapers said today.

The men, now named as Alfredo Lozano Aquino, former Colombian delegate to the United Nations, former Minister in London and a member of the United Nations' Kashmir Commission, and Robert Paris Gaitan, former Secretary to the Government of Colombia.—Reuter.

MISSION STILL A MYSTERY

Moscow, February 9.
Today completed eight weeks since the arrival of the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, and his delegation, later supplemented by the premier and Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, and representatives of the North East and Sinkiang Government.

Nothing official regarding the progress of negotiations has been

Mr. Attlee told his audience at West Bromwich to ignore any "wild accusations" made by the Conservatives in the closing days of the campaign. He said that he had no intention of engaging in a shattering match with Mr. Churchill.

He said: "The issues we face are important and they should not be settled by mere heat of temper. They should be settled by cold argument and by hard thinking."

Attlee's claim

At his second stop at Wolverhampton, Mr. Attlee said: "We are building up something new in the world and, believe me, it is only a planned community, based on the conception of the Welfare State, that can stand up against the evils of totalitarian autocracies."

In connection with Mr. Attlee's warning to watch for Mr. Churchill's surprise, the British Press has been almost unanimous in suggesting another approach to Staffs in an effort at least to find a truce, if not a settlement of problems.

But Mr. Attlee, just as the United States Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, did on Wednesday, has rejected the idea of another meeting as useless.

Some quarters speculate that Mr. Churchill, with all his experience in foreign affairs and in view of his vulnerability on some domestic issues, could electrify the campaign and probably get a lot of votes if he announced himself in favour of another truce at a settlement with Russia.

The Conservative "Evening News" gave banner-line treatment to a New York despatch quoting an American columnist who said Mr. Churchill is expected to make an important announcement on the hydrogen bomb controversy before the election.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, speaking at Devonport, only a few hours after Mr. Churchill addressed a meeting there, jeered at the wartime Prime Minister's claim that the Conservative Party had actually planned the national health service.

Mr. Churchill, stumping the hinterland for Conservative votes, said in campaign speech that American dollars are keeping the Socialist Government alive.

"Enrich the Socialist Government in England," Mr. Churchill said, seductively, "keeping it safe, economically and politically by these large annual doses of dollars from capitalist America. They seek dollars, they beg dollars, they bluster for dollars, they gobble up dollars, but in the whole of their 8,000-word manifesto they cannot say thank-you for the dollars."

Mr. Churchill gave the first specific Conservative election promise with the pledge to abolish petrol rationing at the earliest moment possible if the Conservatives are elected.

Churchill stunt expected

While the Conservative leader stumped South West England, Mr. Attlee was driving through the Midlands, with Mrs. Attlee at the wheel of the family car, in a similar quest for votes.

Mr. Attlee suspects that Mr. Churchill is planning a spectacular vote-getting gesture for the eve of the election. He told friends and street-corner meetings to beware.

Some quarters believe that Mr. Churchill is planning to propose a new approach to Russia. Mr. Churchill himself ignored such speculations.

At Devonport he again hammered away at the Labour Party's "grotesque ultra-left" and what he regarded as the Labour Government's lack of gratitude for American loans and Marshall aid.

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Intervention in Taiwan rejected by Washington

Washington, February 9.
The State Department today again rejected any idea of American intervention in Taiwan. The Chinese Nationalists can hold the island if they try hard enough, it said.

In a 10-page reply to Congressional questionnaires, the Department said that for the United States Government at this date to try to establish a non-Chinese administration on Taiwan, either through the Supreme Command of Allied powers for the Far Eastern Commission or United Nations-sponsored plebiscite, would be almost universally interpreted as an attempt by this Government to separate Taiwan from China, and would be contrary to the long-standing policy of the United States of returning the territorial integrity of China.

In answer to a question regarding the United States position on the admission of Communist China to the United Nations, the Department said: "The United States recognises the National Government as the government of China and insists that the United States representatives at the United Nations vote against the effect of expelling the National Government representatives of the seat in the Security Council."

He rejected a proposal that specific games should be declared legal.

New games are constantly being invented," Mr. Beylus said. "There is one now which is sweeping the United States. Are you to get a foursome from Scotland Yard to learn the rules and then have them play a game to work out whether it is right to allow the public to play it?"—Associated Press.

Defences adequate

"In general, it is considered that available military resources are adequate for the defence of Taiwan provided they can be mobilised by the Chinese Government and put to effective use by its military forces."

The Department takes the position that the United States grants of economic aid to Taiwan should be based only on the claim showing that the Chinese Nationalist Government is able to make an effective defence of the island.

"This criterion applies with equal validity to the present implementation of the ECA programme."

Answering questions regarding alternate sources of essential commodities to replace Taiwan and Hainan as sources of com-

modities for Japan, the Department said the Philippines and Indonesia would be adequate alternative sources of supplies.

It is probable that Japan could procure from these sources as much as one more as it has im-

ported from Taiwan.

In a speech on the House floor, Mr. Jarvis said, "If the tide is to be cast for war by the Soviet Union, then we are in for it, whether or not we have econo-

mically aided other free areas of the world. What we must at all costs avoid, however, is giving up by default."

"In other words, withholding or impairing our economic assistance so that Communist infiltration, trading on despair, economic depression and post-war destruction of countries, will win without any Soviet aggression from without being necessary."

"This we dare not do and it must therefore be our fundamental policy to repel and develop the economy of free peoples or those striving to attain freedom."

Mr. Jarvis also recommended a prompt and extended Point Four programme and immediate consideration of measures to ease the European dollar shortage after the Marshall Plan ends.—United Press.

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THE B.R.M., BRITAIN'S NEW RACING CAR

Recently the technical Press in Britain were privileged to witness Raymond Mays enter the seat of the latest B.R.M. and take it for a few laps of an aerodrome circuit.

Thus, a definite and a most important stage has been reached in a bold and imaginative project which has occupied the efforts of Mays and Peter Berthon, with the support of more than 160 makers of cars and parts in Britain, for the past three years.

The car itself stands revealed as having conventional appearance with front engine position, but the specification is full of interesting details, not all of which can be disclosed at this time. Reference to the data panel will, however, show that it is noteworthy for the use of 16 cylinders, each having a capacity of only 93 c.c., the bore and stroke each being less than 2 ins.

This means that the engine throw is less than 1 in. and the cylinder block and crankcase proper are quite overwhelmed in appearance by the cylinder heads, valve gear and the ingenious arrangement for auxiliary drives.

Ingenious layout

The cylinders are ordered in four groups, two on each side of the crankshaft, and are inclined at an included angle of 135 degrees. This gives an even firing order and keeps the engine as low as possible, at the same time lifting the heads above the level of the frame tubes, which they might have fouled if a compactly flat engine with horizontally opposed cylinders had been used.

The cylinder bores themselves are wet liners inserted into the upper half of the crankcase, staggered so as to give side-by-side mounting for the connecting

rods, which have Vandervell bearings.

The four detachable cylinder heads each carry two valves per cylinder, inclined at an angle of slightly less than 90 degrees. These valves are worked by a total of eight overhead camshafts, for it is a distinguishing feature of the engine that the drive to the valve gear is through a train of gears centrally mounted between cylinders. No gears are on each bank.

The same central gearing system is used to drive (through the medium of a sub-shaft) first, the auxiliary cross-drives to the water pump, gear-type oil pumps, etc. and, secondly, the multi-disc clutch at the rear of the engine and the two-stage centrifugal blower at the front of it.

The latter component is, naturally, run at considerably more than engine speed, but as the crankshaft is designed to be regularly run up to 12,000 r.p.m., the clutch has been arranged to run at a good deal below engine speed, this, of course, also applying to the propeller shaft.

Other engine details of considerable interest are the use of distributor and coil ignition, the distributors being four in number so as to provide efficiently the required 96,000 sparks per

minute at full speed. A fixed ignition timing is at present employed.

For preliminary trials the two-stage superchargers are fed by carburetors, but the use of direct fuel injection by means of a nine-piston SU injection pump feeding into a slinger ring is being developed, and it is expected that the car will be raced with this arrangement, which has many advantages in the light of the considerable volume of fuel needed to match the full air consumption of 60 lb./min. which is envisaged by the designers.

More than 400 b.h.p.

The centrifugal blowers, which have been developed and constructed by Rolls-Royce, Ltd., are remarkably light and compact, and mixture is fed into a centrally disposed manifold with branch pipes leading off to the snarled inlet ports.

It is obvious that an engine of this general type is capable of very high power outputs, and it can be stated that, more than 400 b.h.p. has already been obtained, although the engine has not been on the test bed for over six months.

This is nearly 20 per cent.

greater power than any reported from existing Formula 1 engines, and compares with the 1934-35 Auto-Union and Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix cars with five and

four litre engine capacity.

At the same time, it must be

recognised that the engine is still relatively new, and before the expiration of the present Formula 1, at the end of 1952, it should

be possible to raise the output to more than 450 b.h.p.; in fact,

500 b.h.p. would not be an im-

possible figure.

As will be seen in some notes following this description of the car, an output of this order would suffice to shatter all existing European lap records on a car with the low weight and frontal area possessed by the B.R.M.

The driving seat is centrally positioned, and is so low that the top of the cowl is approximately on the same height as the top of the wheels. The low seat mounting thus employed has been contrived by giving the propeller shaft a marked offset to the left-hand side of the car, the crankshaft axis being set across the frame and also inclined noticeably downwards. This brings the crown wheel and pinion adjacent to the near-side frame members, so that the five incorrect ratios in the gearbox are mounted with their shaft axes in line with the half-shafts. The gearbox, it is interesting to note, as well as the engine, is given dry-sump lubrication.

The half-shafts themselves are

free from splines and carry two universal joints each, the inner being of the true De Dion, or pot type and the outer the conventional hook type. The rear wheels are maintained parallel, one with the other, and vertical in relation to the ground by a De Dion tube, this being split so as to provide relative angular motion between one hub and the other, and provided with a central guide to locate the wheels laterally.

Radii and torque arms extend forward to pivot points mounted on the frame, the latter consisting simply of two tubes, one placed above the other and on each side and connected by a perforated sheet with welded joints between the whole assembly. Tubular cross-members are also provided; the whole structure having been built by Messrs. Rubery Owen.

The front cross-member gives support for the Porsche-type trailing arms, about which the front wheels pivot in ball-and-socket joints. Steering is by a Burman worm-and-rod reduction box placed on the near side of the car and connected to the centrally mounted steering wheel by a universally jointed shaft which runs between the two of the engine.

The rocker shaft of the box is connected to the steering arms by a three-piece track rod.

Suspension by air

Suspension, both fore and aft, is by the medium of Lockheed air struts, which give a very marked rise in rate with increase of vertical travel, and also have their own built and extremely effective damping arrangement.

These struts are also remarkable for their light weight and, although alternative suspension arrangements are provided for in the design, it is expected that air springs in Grand Prix racing will mark a considerable step forward in the solution of the very difficult problem of providing first-class road holding on a car of low total weight.

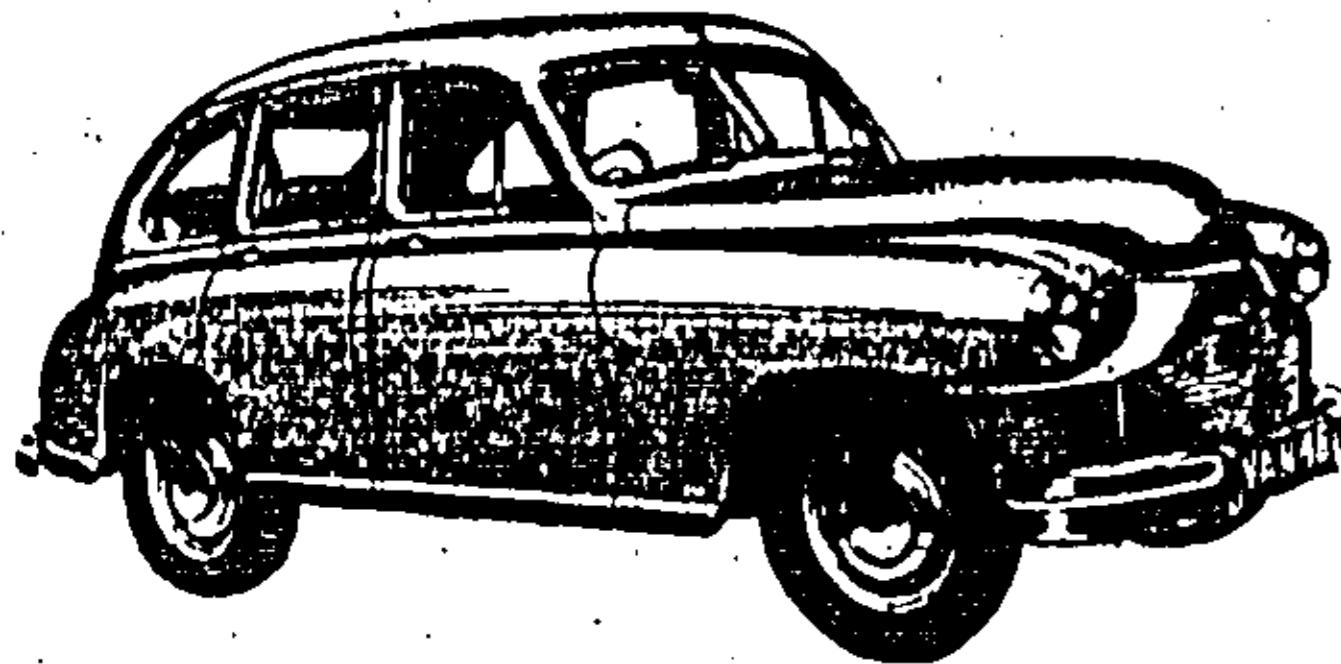
As an method of attack, the Al-Fin bonded-steel liners in the light-alloy brake drums are noteworthy, also that the back plates have been almost eliminated. The three-leading shoes per drum being controlled by virtually a bridge-piece connecting the two.

The shoes themselves are of a deep U-section light alloy, and the elimination of the back plate has, of course, given improved ventilation, as well as a slight reduction in weight. The whole of the braking equipment has been provided by Girling, Ltd.

The rear wheels are divided between the two available immediately behind the driver, and immediately behind the front wheel.

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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS



These are the trucks purchased from Gilman & Co., Ltd., to be used to transport vegetables from the New Territories to the Wholesale Market.

Modern Diesel fleet operating in NT

To cope with the ever increasing vegetable production in the New Territories 16 large Commer Diesel trucks have been purchased from Gilman & Co., Ltd., and added to the existing fleet of 35 vehicles which transport the New Territories' vegetables to the Wholesale Vegetable Market.

The addition of these 16 diesel trucks has given the Marketing Organisation the additional transport which was so essential at this particular time.

They make the operation of

the marketing scheme much more economical, since they carry increased weights, using less and cheaper fuel. One of the great advantages is the economy which is effected in manpower since the new trucks are fitted with specially constructed bodies enabling one driver to carry a load one-third greater than could previously be transported by one truck.

At the present moment the transport fleet averages more than 3,000 miles per day and in operation throughout the 24 hours of each day.

Detailed costing

A detailed costing which covers capital outlay, insurance, salaries, fuel, maintenance and administration shows that the cost per picul of bare transport of vegetables at the peak period when every truck is fully loaded is 20 cents per picul.

In slack seasons, however, when trucks are carrying half loads, the cost is much higher.

Present commercial transport rates average out on the same run at 50 cents per picul for full loads and as much as \$2 a picul for individual baskets.

From these figures it is obvious

that a transport system such as

is in operation works to the benefit of all sections of the community.

Still further economy would be effected if the whole of the fleet

—*it is the hope of the Development Officer that the existing 25 petrol trucks can be replaced by*

another 10 heavier diesel trucks

Ford wins fashion prize again

The Fashion Academy Gold Medal Award for outstanding design and fashion styling of 1950 motor cars has been awarded to the 1950 Ford, it was announced recently by E. A. Hartman, director of the Academy.

This is the second consecutive year the Ford line has been selected by the Academy to receive the award.

The Fashion Academy, a New York school of fashion design, has become internationally known through the years for its annual selection of "America's Best Dressed Women," and more recently for its annual award in the automotive field to "America's Fashion Car for the year."

The Ford line was chosen to receive the award again after 1950 car models of all makes and in all price ranges were carefully studied from the standpoint of excellence in design, simplicity and trimmance style apparent.

Mr. Hartman pointed out: "He said the award last year to the 1949 Ford marked the first time the Gold Medal was awarded to a car in the low-price field.

"Since most 1950 cars offer little change in outward design and styling over the radically different models introduced in 1949, it was almost inevitable that the first choice would again be Ford," Mr. Hartman said. He noted that Ford established leadership in what he termed a trend in modern automotive design when it introduced its completely restyled line in 1949.

The wheelbase, track and frontal area of the car are all about 10 per cent less than the 1939 German cars, which had twice the nominal capacity, but comparable power output. With the present engine output, therefore, the B.R.M. with 41 b.h.p./sq. ft. of frontal area and 430 b.h.p. per ton at starting-line weight has performance factors which are substantially higher than those obtaining on the pre-war models which now possess all European circuit records.

On these figures the B.R.M. should be the fastest road-racing car yet built, and now that it is possible generally to outline this bold effort to wrest leadership from present Italian and potential future German supremacy, the voices of those who have criticized the long period of gestation may, perhaps, be stilled.

Many have been disappointed

that the car was not ready to run in 1949 events, but it is now obvious that, given adequate resources for the development of the design, and the manufacture and management of a full Grand Prix team, we have in all-British car which can take the Union Jack to the speedways of the world, and to the aerodromes of Britain, and to the circuits of the world.

One of the best features of the

new car is the fact that it is

designed to be a racing car

and not a road car.

The car is built on a

frame which is very light

and strong, and it is

designed to be a racing car

and not a road car.

The car is built on a

frame which is very light

Car pioneering in Scotland

By James MacFarlane

Last month the Royal Scottish Automobile Club obtained its 50th birthday, which achievement was hailed with "Highland Honours," if only for its conquest of that mountainous Reliability Trials of 1905-09.

The start of the club was the result of the abounding enthusiasm and energy of one man, then a young Glasgow chartered accountant, the subsequently famous Robert J. Smith.

From 1890 Smith was Scottish secretary of the Self-Propelled Traffic Association, and when that body became allied with the RAC in 1891 he resolved that Scotland should have a club of its own.

But Caledonian interest in organised effort in that

early period was small and a

number replied to Smith's circular letter that the idea was

premature.

Nevertheless, he pursued his

project, and 12 enthusiasts at

tended at the offices of Mitchell

and Smith, C.A., 59, St. Vincent

Street, Glasgow, on May 3, 1890,

and resolved that a club should

be formed. Those included

John Stirling, of Hamilton, the

pioneer Scottish motor manufac-

turer, (Sir) William L. Sleath,

and T. Roland Outhwaite, of the

Edinburgh Autocar company,

while Smith was able to report

to the general council Smith as

considered expedient that the

first officers should be drawn

from the capital.

Accordingly an Edinburgh

accountant, T. M. Newton,

was made secretary of

the club, but that was not so.

Certainly he was appointed such

as the provisional committee, but

Truman rejects new approach to Russia on atom

Washington, February 9.

President Harry Truman today rejected any new appeal to Russia or any change in U.S. policy in an effort to clamp world controls on the atomic bomb and the hydrogen bomb.

The United States is standing on its present peace policies, he said, and with one little bit of cooperation from Soviet Russia would get the job done.

He told a news conference that he sees no reason for changing American policy for international control of atomic energy and other armaments in the light of recent developments.

"There is no use in getting involved over this," he added, "because we are working all the time to get peace in the world." He fully approved the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson's, statement on Wednesday ruling out any dramatic new approach to Russia as has been suggested in Congress.

Mr. Acheson had said that the only way to get peace was to create strength in place of weakness in threatened areas throughout the world. He also saw no need for forming a Government-appointed group of private citizens to study the problems raised by the hydrogen bomb.

The foreign policy discussion took up most of the President's news conference.

As each question bearing on foreign policy was asked, the President fell back on Mr. Acheson's statement and advised reporters to read it. He said Mr. Acheson discussed it with him and the two were in complete agreement.

Peace policy

The first question asked dealt with the proposal by a group of American scientists. The group, in New York last Monday, suggested a new approach to international control of atomic energy. It envisioned the possibility of the U.S. making economic concessions in exchange for atomic inspection concessions by the Russians.

"Read Mr. Acheson's statement," Mr. Truman said.

What about the speech of Senator Brien McMahon, Chairman of the Joint Senate House Atomic Energy Committee, suggesting some new soul-searching on the question?

"The Acheson statement covers that ground," Mr. Truman replied.

Calcutta disorders

Calcutta, February 9. Two were killed and 40 injured when police fired to disperse looters after several scattered fires had broken out here tonight.

Fearing communal disorders, the West Bengal Government earlier today imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew, and banned all public meetings and the carrying of lethal weapons.

The West Bengal Premier, Mr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, told the State Legislature that a large number of prospective troublemakers had been arrested in the past few days and that all steps were being taken to bring offenders to book.

Newspapers had been asked to submit new items on communal incidents for censorship at least for the next few days. No reports of any disturbances had so far been received though one was killed and two injured in Calcutta last night.

Communist-led demonstrations had recently been held in the suburbs.—Reuter.



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DON IDDON'S DIARY

A rush to be respectable

This resort fears blood on the Miami moon. I am in a town that has had an anxiety neurosis and a reform fixation. The pulpits, and Press have announced that the racketeers, the hoodlums, the big-time gamblers, fixers, tricksters, and pirates—must go.

"Get out of town," say the clergy and the editorial writers. This is like telling the bright blue ocean to stop lapping the silver beach.

Miami, which has lived and thrived on gambling, sex, and liquor, as well as on sunshine and white hotels—trimmed with chromium and glass; it is a city of superb homes and villas, lovely parks and waterways—with canals and bridges, not just an exotic and extravagant collection of pink and white hotels.

Miami—or at least its articulate spokesmen—was indignant. "These men must leave," shouted the front pages. But they are still here.

Miami, which is Hollywood by the sea, only gaudier, is anxious to become respectable. It has clamped down on betting, except at the race tracks.

The day when the money-heavy tourist could put a thousand-dollar wager on a horse from his sun splashed cabana or the hotel cigar store is over—at least, for a week or two.

All games of chance—roulette, dice, and card games—are banned. The "gorgeous husky" of Florida suddenly sees herself as a vicar's

Beach—but the dazzling pinwheel is revolving more slowly.

Only Danny Kaye and Carmen Miranda, who are here, can fill the boop traps, and as their salaries are around £8,000 a week there's not much percentage for the managements.

The small places without big names are fading like cornucopias. But the fabulous shops on Lincoln-road, which is Miami's Fifth-avenue, and the less stylish stores on Collins-avenue, are breaking even—doing far better business than the shops on Palm Beach's Worth-street.

I think that Miami is coming of age and beginning to realize that super-booms cannot last indefinitely. For once in its giddy life—it is trying to make adjustments and conform to the leveling-off process which was inevitable after the insane extremes of spending just after the war.

It is still sensitive to criticism, and I have been reminded several times about allegedly harsh comments I made from here in my column last year.

These were reprinted under the heading, "Pity Poor Don Iddon—Visiting Briton is Baffled."

I am in no need of pity, and I was not baffled.

The extremes

Without the movie set in a sand-box crowd, the hothouse atmosphere, the publicised bosoms of the bathing beauties, Miami, they say, would curl up or collapse. And I, a stranger here, am inclined to agree.

This has always been a State and a city of extremes. Florida and Miami never do things by halves. They either ride a roaring tide of dollars or they sink.

Miami was hit by the Great Depression long before the rest of the country got the panic. Real estate or property investments melted under the hot South.

Today, there is no panic—yet. There is apprehension.

Some hotels are begging for customers. They have slashed their rates, but their rooms remain unoccupied, their restaurants and lounges are Saboras.

I called on the manager of the local Chamber of Commerce to find the reason for the slummet. He said: "The lush money has gone. People are uncertain about the future."

"There are probably just as many people here as ever, but we built more hotels and they are in over-supply, and many tourists are living in the hotels' trailer camps and eating at lunch counters.

"There's nothing to get alarmed about. Bank deposits here are up. People are saving, they are becoming cautious and thrif-minded—it is natural enough."

I asked about the sales of British goods here. The Chamber of Commerce man laughed.

"You're the first Englishman I've seen in a long time," he said. "Not a single British salesman or business representative has called on me. You need dollars, why don't you go out after them?"

"You could have sold us sorts of tropical suits and stuff when the people were loaded with dough, and you could even sell them now, but no one is trying."

I checked up with local business men. The Chamber of Commerce man was right.

They don't care

This cloud cuckoo-land doesn't care who wins in Britain on February 23—it isn't interested.

The "Local Press" is trying to drum up readers to their international responsibilities, and says editorially: "Britain's Socialist schemers are abhorrent in the great bulk of Americans."

But it all falls rather flat. A lot of people here don't know what "abhorrent" means, and, anyway, Frank Costello hasn't handicapped any British candidates, has he?

I don't want to give you the impression that Miami is dumb or dying. The place has sparkle and life and a forced optimism—it is supercharged compared to Palm

Talks in France on Indo-China

Saigon, February 10.

The French High Commissioner, Leon Pignon, is due to leave for Paris on Sunday to confer with the French Premier, Georges Bidault, and other French Government officials on the situation in Indo-China.

Recognition of Bao Dai by America and Britain, and Russia's recognition of the rebel Ho Chi Minh regime as well as the new independence of Vietnam have changed the situation in recent weeks.

M. Pignon also intends to ask Paris what should be done in case the Chinese Communists attack Indo-China from the North.

General Marcel Carpenter, French Commander-in-Chief here, told The Associated Press that two months ago he was sure the Communists would not attack Indo-China.

"Since the visit of Mao Tse-tung, Chinese Communist chief, to Moscow, it is impossible to know," he said. "He must obey Marshal Stalin's orders and it is impossible to know whether Marshal Stalin's intentions."

In a message to former Emperor Bao Dai today, President Harry Truman officially proposed an exchange of diplomatic representatives between the U.S. and Vietnam.

Mr. Truman's message, according full recognition to Vietnam and welcoming her to the community of nations, said he hoped the exchange would not be long delayed.

First envoy

The message was sent to Bao Dai as chief magistrate of the new union embracing Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina.

The original agreement between France and Bao Dai whereby Vietnam became independent with the French Federal Union did not provide for a separate Vietnamese representative in Washington.

Vietnam assumed her now status last week when the French Parliament ratified the Franco-Vietnamese agreement of last March. "In view of this," said Mr. Truman, "I want to congratulate Your Majesty and the Vietnamese people on this happy event."

The message was delivered to Bao Dai at Dalat, his official residence, by Edmund Gullion, the new American Consul-General who arrived from Washington today. Mr. Gullion is expected to become American Ambassador or Minister if and when an American Embassy or Legation is opened here.

Paris, the Foreign Office said that Luxembourg had recognised the Governments of the three new French-sponsored states of Indo-China—Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Bao Dai's Government officially stated a statement thanking France for granting Vietnam virtual independence within the French Empire, according to reports from Vientiane.

The statement said that independence was the only policy capable of satisfying the people of Vietnam and the recently signed Associated Press.

UK IN MARKET FOR DRIED EGGS

Washington, February 9.

Senator Elbert Duncan Thomas (Democrat, Utah) said today that Britain wants to buy about 20,000,000 pounds of the 75,000,000 pounds of dried eggs which the American Government plans to give away for welfare purposes in the United States only.

Mr. Thomas made a public letter from the Economic Cooperation Administration saying that Britain is willing to spend about \$3,000,000 for eggs but had been unable to reach an agreement on the price with United States officials.

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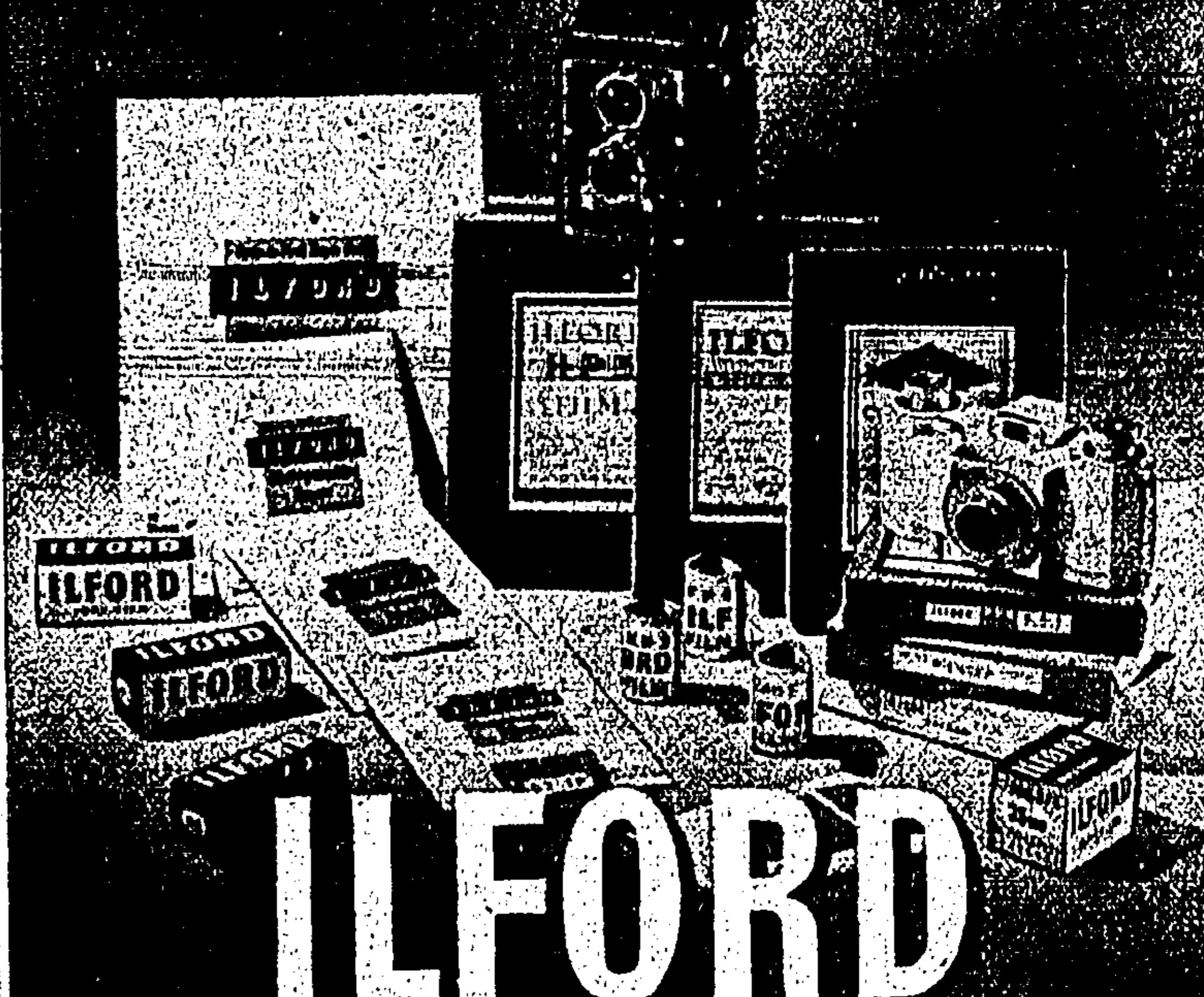
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ADENAUER'S FIGHT ON UNEMPLOYMENT

Bonn, February 9.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Federal Chancellor, said today that his Government would prevent rising unemployment by pumping into the West German economy more than 900 million Marks apart from the 2,500 million Marks of the Government housing programme.

Speaking in the Bundestag debate on unemployment, Dr. Adenauer expressed the hope that by those sums, together with those available during 1950 out of the Marshall Plan counterpart fund, unemployment would be considerably reduced.

It was not clear from his wording whether the counterpart fund would be additional to the other sums mentioned.

Earlier, Professor Eric Nectling, Social Democratic Minister of Economics of North Rhine-Westphalia, had declared that unemployment is making the young generation ripe for Bolshevism or Nationalism.

He called it particularly alarming that one-quarter of the present almost 2,000,000 West German unemployed are young people between 18 and 25 years of age.

The debate was invoked by the Social Democratic Union demanding that the Government should present a comprehensive programme with the aim of full employment.

Dr. Adenauer claimed that Germany, since her transition to a free economy, had witnessed an economic improvement unexampled in economic history. During the last 18 months 470,000 returned prisoners of war, 600,000 expatriated from East of the Oder and the Neisse, and an estimated 400,000 refugees from the Eastern Zone had entered Western Germany, Dr. Adenauer recalled.

Principal cause

In this, structural factor was the principal cause of unemployment with seasonal factors second.

The Chancellor added that legislation would be prepared immediately to lift all the present restrictions on personal movement, introduced because of the housing shortage, since they prevented refugees from seeking employment in the most needed areas, he said.

Professor Ludwig Erhard, the Economics Minister, replied to his opposite number, Professor Nectling, amid constant interruptions. He emphasised the need for more capital and the need for greater savings and defended the principle of free economy, which had already produced a great rise in production, a falling cost of living and greater prosperity all round.

He said the devaluation of the Mark, which had followed Sterling last autumn, had passed off with no ill effects on Germany's economy.—Reuter.

Money Market

US dollars dropped to HK\$6.40 at the close of the market yesterday. The opening rate was \$0.4912.

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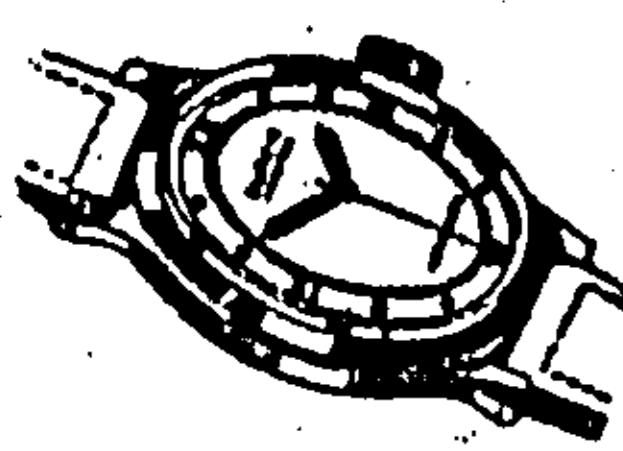
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The 1950 Annual Race Meeting having been brought to a successful conclusion, interest in racing under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be confined to Extra Race Meetings, the first of which will be staged at the Valley this afternoon.

Nine races were intended for this meeting, but owing to the large number of entries in the "Taiwan Bay Handicap", the Stewards decided to have the race split into three sections. The third section will be race No. 10 and run at 6.15 p.m. or as soon after as practicable. There will be no cash sweep on this race.

The First Sadding Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m.

Followers of Mr. J. Poto-Hunt will be glad to learn that he will be in the saddle this afternoon, as he has fully recovered from the injury he received at the Padlock from a new Australian Subscription pony during morning training prior to the Annual Carnival.

Race No. 1—Gin Drinker Bay Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

The opening race is confined to Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950 whether they have started or not. Ponies that have won \$750 or more in stakes barred.

Among the entries, I expect the winner to come from one of the following: Ironside (Mr. Noodt), Cleopatra (Mr. Tao), Goldfield (Mr. Renner), Kity (Mr. Renfrew) and Eleanor (Mr. Wong Yan).

Ironside was included in the list of ponies which had originally been marked down as prospective winners. Why it has failed so far I cannot understand, but among this lot, I think it has a good chance of scoring a win here, but there is no doubt that it will meet with serious opposition.

Cleopatra, which suffered from leg trouble in the course of preparation for the Annual Race Meeting and was prevented from making an appearance, has now fully recovered. It will make its debut this afternoon and judging from its recent morning gallop when it completed the mile in 1.13.3 last quarter 29 seconds, should be well up at the finish.

Goldfield, Kity and Eleanor are three other contenders which can be relied on to do well and should not be disregarded, as any one of them can cause an upset here.

Race No. 2—Hunghom Bay Handicap (First Section): From The Two Miles Post Once Round & In.

Our Novice Jockeys will have this race all to themselves and they will be given mounts on Class 5. Australian Ponies.

I think the winner will come from one of the following: Jeep Hing (Mr. Maycock), Trade Wind (Mr. Auchincloss), Penrith (Mr. Lal Kui), Fista (Mr. Castro) and Chief Witness (Mr. Thomas).

In the Old Course Handicap (Second Section) over the miles on the third day of the Carnival, Jeep Hing with Mr. Holgate up, was officially fourth. As this afternoon's event will be 1.71 yards more, I think Jeep Hing, which is very fit at the moment, should have a good chance of winning.

There is, of course, Trade Wind to be reckoned with. This pony is good over this distance and expect to see it giving the above pony a good fight to the end.

Penrith and Fista are two fast improving ponies which are capable of giving the above mentioned ponies a good fight.

As an outsider, Chief Witness is worth following as it will be carrying 135 lbs.

Race No. 3—Mira Bay Stakes: Six Furlongs.

This is another sprint race for Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950. Winners and Ponies that have won less than \$750 in stakes barred. Weight 141 lbs. Winners of \$1,000, 6 lbs. and of \$1,500 or more, 10 lbs.

Judging from its second placing behind Hopper in the Consolation Stakes (First Section) over the mile on the fifth day of the Carnival, Gladolus (Mr. Renfrew), should come in first in this crowd.

Good Luck (Mr. Shieh), is the next best bet, but it must also be borne in mind that Thunderjet (Mr. Poto-Hunt), is a fast improving animal and it can take the lead there will be no catching it.

For big money I recommend Wonderful (Cin. (Mr. Peter Young).

Race No. 4—Taiwan Bay Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This race will be contested by Australian Ponies Class 5.

Although Goldfield, with Mr.

"Rapiers" selections for today

(By "ARGONAUT")

The 1948-1949 Colony Badminton Championships officially started last night at the Victoria Recreation Club when seven first round matches of various divisions were played off.

Although play was hampered by a wet and slippery court, a high standard of badminton was seen.

The two schoolboys' events attracted not a little attention. An early crowd gathered to accord them a warm welcome to this year's tournament.

In the certain-raiser of the evening, the Schoolboys' Singles event, Wong Kai-cheng of St. Joseph's put up a plucky fight against Lau Salle's Yue Kar-keung before going down 15-4, 15-7.

Yue's ability to hit harder and place the shuttle more accurately were the deciding factors. Wong appeared a little nervous in the first set. After warming up, he did very well in the second set.

The Schoolboys' Doubles saw a pair of perhaps the youngest combination ever seen in an Open tournament holding the court. Wong barely four feet tall, Junior Castro and Robert Xavier fought gallantly against superior odds, and although they did not win, their spiritedness in participating in the tournament deserved special mention.

In the feature game of the programme, the Senior Mixed Doubles, Patrick Wong and Helen Kwong of the Chinese YMCA defeated Shallanders' S. K. Howe and Mrs. Mary Chow after being extended to the third set.

With Helen Kwong serving beautifully and Patrick Wong scientifically placing and smashing the shuttle out of their opponents' reach, the Wong-Wong combination easily annexed the third set with the maximum three points. The Shallanders could not set at their best in the second set. Down 6-10 at one stage, they climbed to 8-10, and after a changeover of service piled six points in a row with some exquisite play.

Displaying more accurate and more aggressive strokes and better combination, the Kowloon Tong pair of C. C. Wan and C. L. Tan eliminated St. Teresa's R. M. Soares and T. A. Vieira in two straight sets.

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